

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

The paragraph beginning at page 16, line 9, has been amended as follows:

B104 denotes a carriage reciprocating in the arrowed main scanning direction A. B106 denotes a lead screw. A projected screw pin is attached by a spring to an inside portion of the carriage B104 bearing the lead screw B106. A tip end of the screw pin and a spiral groove provided on the outer periphery of the lead screw B106 are engaged with each other. According to this structure, the rotation of the lead screw B106 is converted to the reciprocation of the carriage B104. The lead screw B106 is driven to rotate by a carriage motor M001 via a screw gear, an idler gear and a motor gear. By the rotation of the lead screw B106 and the support of a guide shaft B105, the reciprocation of the carriage B104 is controlled. Also, a moving position of the carriage B104 is detected by an encoder sensor B131 provided on the carriage B104 and a linear scale sensor ~~B312~~ B132. When the carriage B104 returns to a home position, a HP sensor detects the carriage B104.

The paragraph beginning at page 21, line 23, has been amended as follows:

A suction cap B310 is provided in the body of the recorder section. The suction cap B310 caps the recording head B120 located at the home position. An opening

~~B404~~closable B404 closable relative to the atmosphere by an atmosphere-communication valve and a suction tube B311 pass into the interior of the suction cap B310. Thereby, ink is sucked and discharged from the ink ejection openings B121 of the recording head B120 (suction recovery treatment) by introducing a negative pressure into the interior of the suction cap B310 from the other cylinder chamber of the pump cylinder B304. Also, if necessary, the recording head B120 can discharge useless ink not contributing to the image recording into the suction cap B310 (preliminary discharge treatment). The ink discharged in the suction cap B310 is sucked as waste ink into a waste ink absorber C107 of the media pack C100 from the pump cylinder B304 through a waste liquid tube B312 and a waste liquid joint B313.